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Election night at the LAMBDA CENTER on February 14th left the Board to be desired.

All members of the board have resigned except for the one nominee - Trina.

The attendance: This was a night when I would have desired forty members to come. What we got was the predictable two dozen. The minor item of nominations was dismissed with no new nominees.

We then moved on to the major topic of transgender law. Chris Dally, Kimberly, and Merrisa Coleman presented their workshop. Chris and friends held everyone's attention for about an hour and a half before I had to bring the meeting to a close. Perhaps I can get Chris to come back this summer,

We will try for elections once again March 13th. If no one steps forward, I may put forward bylaws that will allow for less than a five member board. One highlight of the proposal is the splitting of the current bylaws into two documents. The second of which will be called the Rules of Order. It will be worded such that it can be amended by the Board.

A Very Grinch Christmas

by Anne Eleanore

I was looking forward with, "Great Expectation" to the Sacramento Gender Association Christmas potluck party/meeting. The usual seasonal and promotional hype so prevelant to any and all things this day-and-age nearly dissuaded. But, I screwed up my courage, prepared a specialty casserole, put on my "Santa Kitty" sweatshirt over my red dress and headed off to a new adventure.

I had attended several of their previous monthly gatherings. If I may refer to my royal heritage, *"We were not impressed!"*

As I entered, this soiree showed promise. Promise of a sociable Social. New faces reflecting genuine pleasure, contentment and happiness without fear or hesitation. Everyone was in their best bib-and-tucker showing of new coifs and baubles. Flowing conversations gave the air a party atmosphere. The counter displayed endless array of

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

For over a year now the TRANSCEND envelop has carried a message. Under your name and preceding your address appears the message "member through 2*04." This indicates that my records show that you have paid through February 2004. Many of you have 2*03 which indicates that your membership is not currently paid and that SGA will probably stop sending you a transcend. Why the "*" rather than a "/"? My computer does strange things with the slash. So the date reads month asterisk year that my records show you have paid through. Care to debate the matter? Call me at 916 364-7212.

Can SGA SURVIVE as a TV, TG, TS organization? Yes, but only if we can elect a new board. To nominate a candidate or to volunteer, call trina on the hotline at 916 364-7212. Our elections will be held at the Lambda Community Center. The date is now March 14, 2004. We will be setting up at 6:30 PM.

SACRAMENTO TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION, BLUE ROSE CHAPTER

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BOARD awaiting elections
TRINA MARTINA - nominated

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MARCH APRIL BIRTHDAYS

March 13	Lady Cathy
April 6	Roni
April 6	J/J
April 10	Alana Gene
April 22	Sherri Lynn

SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION
proposed budget for 2003-2004

INCOME	
MEMBERSHIP	$900.00
DONATIONS	$280.00
ADVERTISING	$180.00
FREEDOM FAIR	$0.00
RAINBOW FESTIVAL	$0.00
TOTAL	$1,360.00
EXPENSES	
NEWSLETTER	
PRODUCTION	$700.00
POSTAGE	$296.00
LAMBDA CENTER	$240.00
DONATIONS	$0.00
FREEDOM FAIR	$0.00
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A Very Grinch Christmas

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delectable edibles and liquid refreshments. An arrangement 'devoutly to be wished' by any and ***all*** Party Animals.

Some attendees brought gifts for a gift-exchange (that had been touted on the Internet; *the uninitiate/peons be* ***damned***). These gifties were prominently displayed for later festivities near the feast laden counter.

Soon everyone had served themselves, were seated, enjoying the repast in a civilized manner and engrossed in various pleasant/interesting light and gay conversations. The party was in full swing and *fun* and *enjoyment* were the operative moods.

The revelry was rudely interrupted with the announcement that it was time for the gift-exchange. The first order of business was to make sure that all presenters had corresponding numbers to the numbers of gifts on Display. Then the *(sadistic)* rules of the 'game' were explained: The green-faced Santa revealed his true colors! Once a ('*lucky*') recipient had gotten/chosen her/his gift the next 'in line', if she/he coveted the original recipient's treasure she/he had the right (if not the (obligation) to ***steal*** it, to the dismay/disappointment of the *original* gifted. And so into infinitum and nauseum.

For the life of me I cannot recall one of the Wise Men saying to Mother Mary, "I want the gold, let Him choose from the Franc incense or myrrh!"

And, isn't it not written in EXODUS 20:17 "*Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neghbour's"* and 20:15 "*Thou shalt not steal.*"

Fun was had by (*almost*) all.

Merry Christmas to all, and, to all a good night!

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UPCOMING SGA EVENTS

March 13th - Pot Luck and Elections at the Lambda Community center. 1927 L Street 6:30 - 8:58 PM

March 27th - Shop till you drop at Fluffy's. 4755 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael. 7 - 9 PM.

March 27th - dinner at Hamburger Mary's for those who refuse to go to Fluffy's.

April 10th - Pot Luck at the Lambda Community center. 1927 L Street, 6:30 - 8:58 PM. Come! Hear our plans for the coming year. It's Easter.

April 24th - Dinner at Isabella's 1119 21st Street. 7 -10 PM (pardon me when I leave at 9).

OTHER SACRAMENTO EVENTS

March 20th Mather TS Group at MCC 6:30 PM Join us for a potluck and companionship. 348-7919. Also April 17th.

First Sunday of every month - Leatherman's Benefit Breakfast. 10 AM - 1 PM. $ 5 all you can eat. Best time to arrive - just after 11 AM. Faces'.

REGIONAL Events:

CALIFORNIA Dreamin 2004 April 22-25, 2004 San Jose. See flier reprint herein.

DVG:

Social, Club 1220, 1229 Pine St. Walnut Creek, 8 PM. 1st & 3rd Mondays (925) 937-8432.

Rap Group, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Road, Suite 500. 7 PM, 1st and 3rd Thursday, call is a must - (925) 937-8432.

San Jose:
RGA Social 1st and 3rd Friday, (408) 984-4044.
SVGA Support group 2nd and 4th Friday (408) 293-2429
Girls&guys Night Out, 5th Friday, (408) 984-4044

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SGA MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership to the Sacramento Gender Association is $ 24 for individuals, or $ 36 for couples or family membership. New memberships are prorated for each month. Send check or money order with completed form (below) to: SGA, P.O. Box 162907, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Are you a new member? _____ Are you renewing a membership from last year? _____ If neither, what year were you a member last? _____ What year did you first join the SGA? _____
Title _____
Last Name _____
First Name _____
Middle Name _____
Preferred Name _____
Name for Mail _____
Name for Phone _____
Address _____
City _____,
State or Province _____ Postal Code _____
Home Phone _____
Other Phone _____
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Spouse's Name _____
Spouse's Birthdate _____
Anniversary _____
Children's names & Birthdates.

e-mail address?
Web Page URL?
Default answers are NO.
Would you like your transcend by e-mail? ____
snail mail? _____ web page link? _____
May we use photos of you in the Transcend? ____
on our web page? ____ Photos taken at socials.

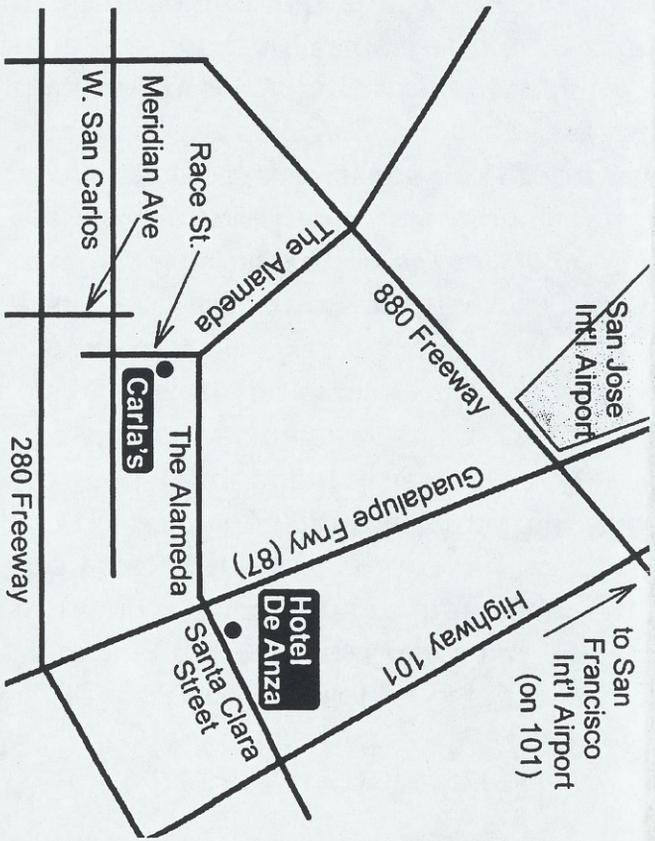
Is SGA NEEDED? Yes! We also need ***you*** as a board member. Unless, of course, you've had enough of gender groups, in which case I will continue the group until funds and SGA expire.

Hotel Accommodations

Our host hotel is the historic Hotel De Anza, located in downtown San Jose. We have reserved a block of rooms; please mention California Dreamin when you make your reservation.

Rates are $119.00 per night for single or double rooms. You must phone the Hotel De Anza to get this rate. Their toll-free number is 1 (800) 843-3700.

Visit www.hoteldeanza.com for more information on accommodations.



California Dreamin 2004 Event Rates

(please circle your choice)

Event Package	single	couple
Full Event (seminars, lunches, banquet)	**$200.00**	**$375.00**
Friday (seminars only)	**$50.00**	**$90.00**
Friday (seminars and lunch)	**$80.00**	**$145.00**
Saturday (seminars only)	**$70.00**	**$125.00**
Saturday (seminars and lunch)	**$100.00**	**$185.00**
Saturday (seminars, lunch & banquet)	**$160.00**	**$300.00**

If you will be attending the banquet, please circle your choice of entrée:

- Chicken
- Salmon
- Filet of Beef

California Dreamin 2004 Registration Form

Mailing Name:

_____

Mailing address:

_____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____

email (optional):

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Badge name:

_____

Partner's badge name:

_____

Event package:

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Price _____

Please make check or money order payable to:
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Please mail completed form to:

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Cal Dreamin is back!

After a two-year hiatus, Cal Dreamin is returning to Northern California. We're planning a smaller, more intimate event this year, split between two venues: Carla's Salon and Boutique, and the Hotel De Anza. Frequent shuttles will carry you between our venues.

We're planning seminars for TS's, crossdressers, wives and significant others. There will be presentations on SRS and Facial Feminization Surgery, hormones and your health, electrolysis, and a workshop on legal issues and problems. On the lighter side, you can see presentations on corsetry, perfecting your feminine presentation, wig care and makeup application. Come to the Wives and SO's seminar to learn about dealing with TG issues in your relationship. Visit our vendors' room to get a makeover, or shop for jewelry, wigs, accessories and more.

In the evenings, we'll have a reception, hosted dinner excursions to some of our fabulous local restaurants, and a sumptuous banquet in the De Anza's lovely Palm Court Terrace, with live entertainment.

Whether you attend Cal Dreamin for fun, for information, or to take those first steps out of the closet in a supportive environment, we promise you'll have a wonderful time.

Schedule of Events

Thursday
- Registration
- Evening Reception

Friday
- Vendors' Room
- Dr. Millie Brown
- Denaë Doyle
- Ann Grogan
- Dr. Robert Brink
- Dr. Annette Cholon
- Dr. Joy Shaffer
- Therapists' Panel
- Dinner Excursions

Saturday
- Vendors' Room
- Chris Daley
- Theresa Sparks
- Dr. Douglas Ousterhout
- Dr. Toby Meltzer
- Wives and Spouses Seminar
- Grand Banquet

Sunday
- Farewell Brunch

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